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COMPREHENSIVE TEST-BAN TREATY

Letter dated 30 August 1996 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request you to circulate the following position paper of the Argentine Republic as a document of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 8 and 65:

"With the end of the cold war, non-proliferation, disarmament and arms control have acquired renewed importance in the 'Agenda for Peace', and there is now a unique opportunity to ensure that multilateral efforts are not frustrated.

"The Argentine Republic has taken an active part in the negotiation of the comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty, because it firmly believes that the conclusion of such a treaty not only would help to prevent nuclear proliferation, but also would expedite the process of nuclear disarmament.

"The Argentine Republic strongly supports the adoption of the comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty at the fiftieth session of the General Assembly. That calls for a genuine political will and a firm commitment on the part of all the members of the international community.

"In this regard, the Argentine Republic has decided to co-sponsor the draft resolution on this item submitted by Australia, and urges States which have not yet done so to join this initiative as soon as possible.

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"The Argentine Republic is convinced that the conclusion of the comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty would be a crucial event in fostering international trust, because it would strengthen the growing conviction that nuclear weapons are of no use for the security of nations, and would facilitate the future agenda and the negotiation of other multilateral measures regarding disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control."

(Signed) Ana Maria RAMÍREZ
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